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Funding For Harbor Maintenance and the Importance of Stakeholder Involvement

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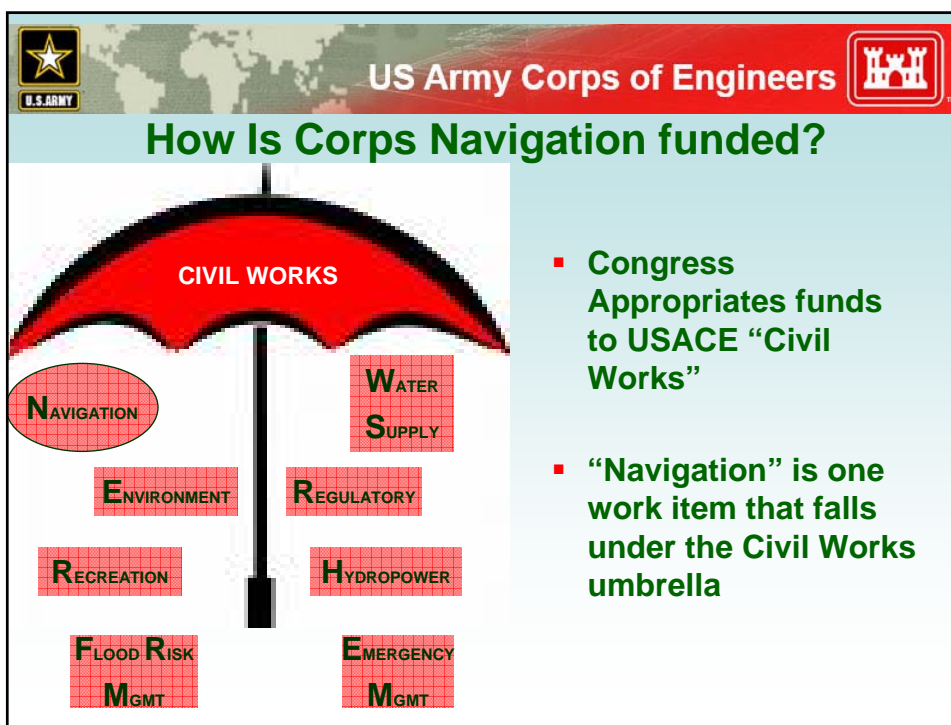
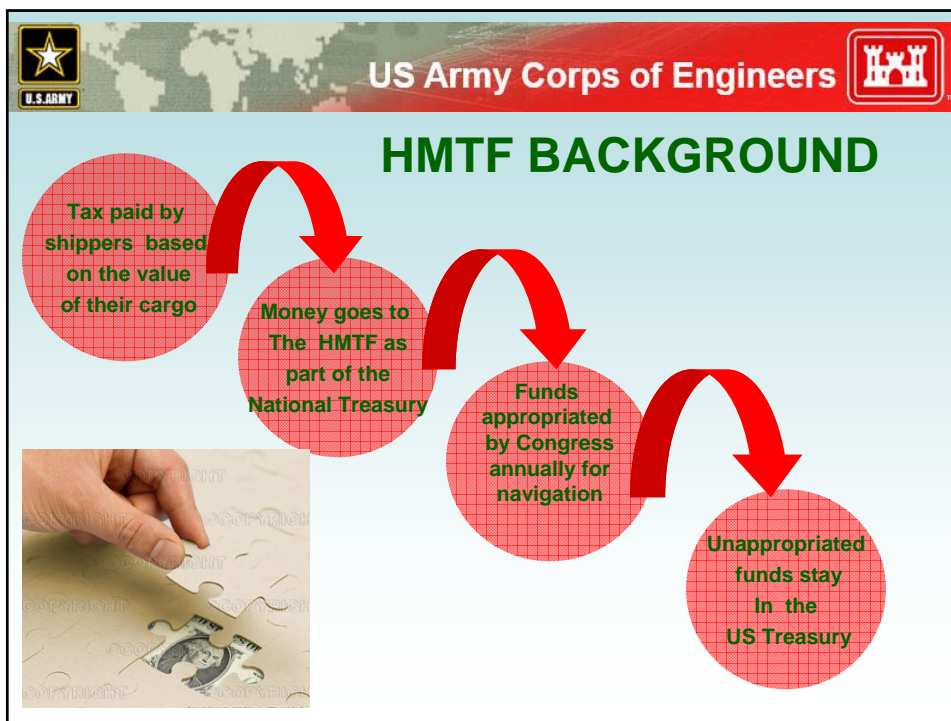
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Corps Navigation Mission

Provide safe, reliable, efficient, effective and
environmentally sustainable waterborne
transportation systems for movement of
commerce, national security needs, and
recreation







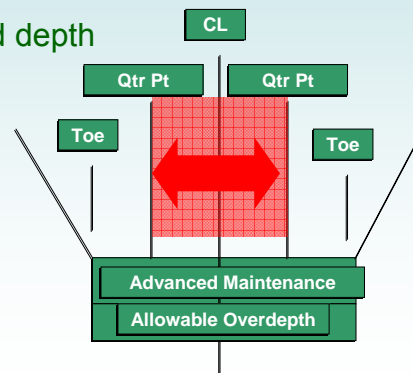
Funds and Channel Availability

Year	Channel Available	Appropriated	Supplement	Total	HMTF
2005	38%				
2006	35%				
2007	32%				
2008	▼				



Performance Standard :

- Half the width of a channel (Middle Half)
- Entire authorized length and depth
- 95% of the time.





Channel Inventory

- High Use (10 M Tons +)
59 projects
- Moderate Use (1-10 M Tons)
100 projects
- Base (Less than 1 M Tons)
950 projects



■ Total 1100 projects



Harbor Maintenance then & Now

- Early 90s - Ports lobbied for additional funding for enhancements. Not for minimal service to keep channels open.





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Getting Back to the Future

WE ALL AGREE WE NEED MORE FUNDS

- Ports need reliable Channels
- Dredgers need to be able to accurately forecast work schedules
- USACE Navigation needs to fulfill its mission



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Congressional Report Request



“Conduct a study and report back on various options to improve management of the HMTF to allow additional annual funding for maintenance dredging needs of ports across the nation”.



HMTF Considerations

- Many alternatives were considered to improve management of the HMTF
- Three options emerged
- One being to pursue additional funds thru Congress and OMB – no legislative change.



HMTF Alternative Option Two (requires legislative change)

- A minimal level of acceptable channel availability would be established. The funding to achieve and sustain these minimum levels of service would be provided within the annual appropriation.





HMTF Alternative Option Three (requires legislative change)

- Spending from the HMTF is directly linked to revenues by making each year's collections and interest available to be expended on maintaining navigation channels.



YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED

- Are you satisfied with current level of service?
- Are you satisfied with the minimum performance standard we have proposed?
- Which of the three options discussed do you think is the best way to improve management of the HMTF?
- Do you have an additional option or comments we should consider?
- <http://operations.usace.army.mil/navigation.cfm>



Summary

- Funding
 - Minimum Performance Standard
 - HMTF Options
 - Your input for report
 - Team Strategy
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